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BOAZ, KENTUCKY FELON SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR RUNNING ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS
AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

LOUISVILLE, KY - Billy Coleman Clayton, age 63, of Boaz, Kentucky, in Graves County, was sentenced to 2 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for being a felon in possession of firearms and running an illegal gambling business, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Clayton to 2 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Clayton was previously convicted on a felony charge for executing a scheme to defraud.

Clayton had plead guilty to managing an illegal gambling business that involved five or more persons and violated the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Clayton was making more than \$2,000 per day from his illegal poker games. During this same time period, Clayton possessed firearms (a Winchester Ranger .12 gauge shotgun, a Marlin .22 caliber rifle, a Davis Industries .32 caliber handgun, a Stevens .22 caliber rifle, a Marlin 30-30 rifle, a Winchester .20 gauge shotgun, a Rossi .38 caliber handgun, and a Sears .22 caliber rifle) and ammunition in violation of federal law. Clayton had also admitted to structuring bank proceeds for the purpose of evading reporting requirements of his illegal business. Clayton attempted to avoid the reporting requirements when he cashed a \$14,000 check by asking for \$8,000 in cash and for a cashiers check for \$6,000, which he then cashed the following day. Federal law requires the

reporting of amounts of \$10,000 or more per day.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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